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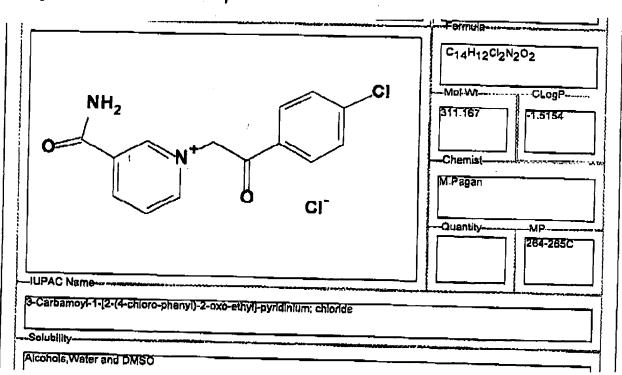
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Elected compound



whe<u>rein</u>

Rs Inadvariantly omitted but defined on spec.

wherein Rs is a [C₆ or C₁₀] aryl or a heterocycle containing 4-10 ring atoms of which 1-3 are heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur; or

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28. A compound of formula VI:

$$R_{15}$$
 R_{13}
 R_{13}
 R_{13}

(VII)

R¹³ R¹⁴, R¹⁵ and R¹⁶

1. are independently selected from hydrogen, acylamino, acyloxyalkyl, alkanoyl, alkanoylalkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, alkoxycarbonyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, alkyl, alkylamino, (C₁-C₃)alkylenedioxy, allyl, amino, ω-alkylenesulfonic acid, carbamoyl carboxy, carboxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, dialkylamino, halo, hydroxy, (C₂-C₆)hydroxyalkyl, mercapto, nitro, sulfamoyl, sulfonic acid, alkylsulfonyl,

alkylsulfinyl, alkylthio, trifluoromethyl, azetidin-1-yl, morpholin-4-yl, thiomorpholin-4-yl, piperidin-1-yl, 4-[C₆ or C₁₀]arylpiperidin-1-yl, 4-[C₆ or C₁₀]arylpiperazin-1-yl, Ar³ (wherein Ar³ is C₆ or C₁₀ aryl), Ar³-alkyl, Ar³-O, Ar³SO₂-, Ar³SO₋, Ar³SO₂NH-, Ar³NH, (N-Ar³)(N-alkyl)N-, Ar³C(O)-, Ar³C(O)NH-, Ar³NH-C(O)-, and (N-Ar³)(N-alkyl)N-C(O)-, or together R₁ and R₂ comprise methylenedioxy; or

- 2. form, with an adjacent pair from R¹³, R¹⁴, R¹⁵ and R¹⁶, together with their ring carbons, a C₆- or C₁₀- aromatic fused ring system; or
- 3. form, with an adjacent pair from R¹³, R¹⁴, R¹⁵ and R¹⁶, together with their ring carbons, a C₅-C₇ fused cycloalkyl ring having up to two double bonds including the fused double bond of the pyridinium containing ring, which cycloalkyl ring can be substituted by one or more of the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, arnino, aminocarbonyl, carboxy, fluoro, or oxo substituents; or
- 4. form, with an adjacent pair from R¹³, R¹⁴, R¹⁵ and R¹⁶, together with their ring carbons, a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl ring, wherein the 6-membered heteroaryl ring contains one to three atoms of N, and the 5-membered heteroaryl ring contains from on to three atoms of N or one atom of O or S and zero to two atoms of N, each heteroaryl ring may be optionally substituted with one or more 1-pyrrolidinyl-, 4-[C₆ or C₁₀]arylpiperazin-1-yl, 4-[C₆ or C₁₀]arylpiperidin-1-yl,

azetidin-1-yl, morpholin-4-yl, thiomorpholin-4-yl, piperidin-1-yl, halo or (C₁-C₃)alkylenedioxy groups: or

5. form, with an adjacent pair from R¹³, R¹⁴, R¹⁵ and R¹⁶, together with their ring carbons, a five to eight membered heterocycle, wherein the heterocycle consists of ring atoms selected from the group consisting of carbon, nitrogen, and S(O)_n,

where n=0,1, or 2; b. (Y^2) is a group of the formula -CH((R^5) - (R^6) wherein

(a) R⁵ is hydrogen, alkyl-, cycloalkyl-, alkenyl-, alkynyl-, aminoalkyl-, dialkylaminoalkyl-, (N-[C₆ or C₁₀]aryl)(N-alkyl)aminoalkyl-, piperidin-1-ylalkyl-, 1-pyrrolidin-1-ylalkyl, azetidinylalkyl, 4-alkylpiperazin-1-ylalkyl, 4-alkylpiperidin-1-ylalkyl, 4-[C₆ or C₁₀]arylpiperidin-1-ylalkyl, azetidin-1-ylalkyl, morpholin-4-ylalkyl, thiomorpholin-4-ylalkyl, piperidin-1-ylalkyl, [C₆ or C₁₀]aryl, or independently the same as R⁶;

(b) R⁶ is phenyl substituted at the para position with chloro or fluoro;

(2) a group of the formula (W-Rs) wherein (W-Rs) or (C=0) o

(3) a group of the formula -W-N(R⁹)R¹⁰, wherein
 [a] R⁹ is hydrogen and R¹⁰ is an alkyl or cycloalkyl, optionally substituted by

(i) $[C_6 \text{ or } C_{10}]$ aryl, or

(ii) a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl ring, wherein the 6-membered heteroaryl ring contains one to three atoms of N, and the 5-membered heteroaryl ring contains from one to three atoms of N or one atom of O or S and zero to two atoms of N, said heteroaryl ring can be optionally substituted with one or more 1-pyrrolidinyl, 4-[C₆ or C₁₀]arylpiperazin-1-yl, 4-[C₆ or C₁₀]arylpiperidin-1-yl, azetidin-1-yl, and morpholin-4-yl, thiomorpholin-4-yl, piperidin-1-yl, halo or (C₁-C₃)alkylenedioxy groups, or fused to a phenyl or pyridine ring, wherein the ring fusion is at a carbon-carbon double bond of the heteroaryl ring, or

(iii) a heterocycle containing 4-10 ring atoms of which 1-3 are heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur; or

[b] R⁹ is hydrogen or lower alkyl and R¹⁰ is Ar³; or

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- [c] R⁹ is hydrogen or lower alkyl, and R¹⁰ is a heterocycle containing 4-10 ring atoms of which 1-3 are heteroatoms are selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur, said heterocycle; or
- [d] R9 and R10 are both alkyl groups; or

[e] R⁹ and R¹⁰ together with N form a heterocycle containing 4-10 ring atoms which can incorporate up to one additional heteroatom selected from the group of N, O or S in the ring, wherein the heterocycle is optionally substituted with (C₆-or C₁₀)aryl, (C₆-or C₁₀)arylalkyl, or a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl ring, wherein the 6-membered heteroaryl ring contains one to three atoms of N, and the 5-membered heteroaryl ring contains from one to three atoms of N or one atom of O or S and zero to two atoms of N, each such heteroaryl can be optionally substituted with one or more 1-pyrrolidinyl, 4-[C₆ or C₁₀]arylpiperazin-1-yl, 4-[C₆ or C₁₀]arylpiperidin-1-yl, azetidin-1-yl, morpholin-4-yl, thiomorpholin-4-yl, piperidin-1-yl, halo or (C₁-

[f] R9 and R10 are both hydrogen;

C₃)alkylenedioxy; or

- c. X is a pharmaceutically acceptable anion, or
- (B) a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound,
- wherein ary or Ar³ can be substituted with in addition to any substitutions specifically noted, one or more general substituents selected from the group consisting of acylamino, acyloxyalkyl, alkanoyl, alkanoylalkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, alkoxycarbonyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, alkyl, alkylamino, (C₁-C₃)alkylenedioxy, alkylsulfonyl, alkylsulfinyl, ω-alkylenesulfonic acid, alkylthio, allyl, amino,

Ar³C(O)-, Ar³C(O)NH-, Ar³O-, Ar³-, Ar³-alkyl-, carboxy, carboxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, dialkylamino halo trifluoromethyl, hydroxy, (C₂-C₆)hydroxyalkyl, mercapto, nitro, sulfamoyl, sulfonic acid, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 4-[C₆ or C₁₀]arylpiperazin-1-yl-, 4-[C₆ or C₁₀]arylpiperidin-1-yl, azetidin-1-yl, morpholin-4-yl, thiomorpholin-4-yl, piperidin-1-yl;

wherein heterocycles, except those of Ar³, can be substituted with, in addition to any substitutions specifically noted, the following general substitutions: acylamino, alkanoyl, alkoxy, alkoxycarbonyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, alkyl, alkylamino, alkylsulfonyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylthio, amino, Ar³C(O)-, Ar³O-, Ar³-, carboxy, dialkylamino, fluoro, fluoroalkyl, difluoroalkyl, hydroxy, mercapto, sulfamoyl, or trifluoromethyl;

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wherein, if the compound of formula VII has a core structure comprising a pyridinium ring having a 2-aryl-2-oxoethyl substitution at the 1 position, wherein the aryl can be substituted, and a formyl which may be substituted at the 3 position, one or both of the following applies:

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the compound of formula VII differs from a salt of pyridinium compound having a 1-(2-aryl-2-oxoethyl), wherein the aryl can be substituted, and a formyl which may be substituted at the 3 position by at least one additional substitution at R¹⁴, R¹⁵ or R¹⁶, or the aryl of 2-aryl-2-oxoethyl is phenyl and is substituted at the para position with an electron withdrawing group selected from fluoro,

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chloro, nitro, trifluoromethyl, and carbamoyl; and wherein the compound of formula VII differs from a salt of 1-[2-(4-methylphenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-pyridinium by one or more of the lack or replacement of the methyl substitution, or the presence of one or more additional substitutions.

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